

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 540

By Matlock

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Boyd and Ruth Goodwin on the celebration of their seventieth wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 1939, Boyd Goodwin and Ruth Shinpaugh were joined in holy matrimony at the First Baptist Parsonage in Lenoir City, and since that fateful day this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, sweethearts since the fifth grade, Boyd and Ruth Goodwin are lifelong residents of Loudon County; and

WHEREAS, Boyd Goodwin was born on July 26, 1920, the son of Floyd Herman Goodwin and Maude Matlock Goodwin; the Goodwins have been landowners and farmers in the Loudon County/Roane County area since Boyd's great-great-grandfather, William Banks Goodwin, arrived from Virginia around 1810; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Goodwin is a direct descendant of Major James Goodwin, a merchant and planter who emigrated from London, England, to Virginia in 1640, and represented York County in the Virginia House of Burgesses; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Goodwin was born Ruth Shinpaugh on December 17, 1921, to Carl Shinpaugh and Bertie Anderson Shinpaugh; the Shinpaughs, like the Goodwins, have been residents of the area for many generations; and

WHEREAS, Boyd Goodwin bravely served his country during World War II, entering the service in 1944 as a member of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division, Company L, 3<sup>rd</sup> Army; he nobly served in the Battle of the Bulge, one of the War's final heavy battles on the Western Front; and

WHEREAS, in 1945, after being away for fourteen months, Mr. Goodwin returned to Lenoir City, where he and his family spent many years working on their farm; and

WHEREAS, Boyd and Ruth Goodwin still reside in the family farmhouse in which Mr. Goodwin's parents were married; the house has been in the family for generations, as it was built in the late 1800s for Mr. Goodwin's maternal grandparents, John and Ella Matlock; and

WHEREAS, the Goodwins have given of their time and many talents to operating an antiques shop, Goodwin's Antiques, from their property on White Wing Road for nearly forty-five years; and

WHEREAS, a couple whose marriage is built upon a foundation of faith, the Goodwins have been active and beloved members of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Lenoir City for more than fifty years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin have been highly respected citizens of their community for their entire lives; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced three children, each of whom has excelled in his or her particular field of endeavor; the three children are Wilma Gartrell, Linda Nelson, and the late Robert Goodwin; and

WHEREAS, the Goodwins are also the proud grandparents of six grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, for seventy years this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Goodwins' are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Boyd and Ruth Goodwin on the celebration of their seventieth wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.